

**REMARKS**

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Lamb for her willingness to discuss the Office Action of February 23, 2001, on May 11, 2005. Based on our discussion, it is understood by the Applicants that Examiner Lamb agrees that Claims 1-21 are not anticipated by Mitani (U.S. Patent No. 5,737,503). Moreover, after further prior art searching, Examiner Lamb has determined Claims 1-21 to be allowable.

In summary, the Office Action of February 23, 2005 rejected Claims 1-21 as being anticipated by Mitani (U.S. Patent No. 5,737,503). During the above-referenced discussion of May 11, 2005, arguments were presented by the Applicant to overcome all outstanding rejections. Specifically, Mitani does not explicitly or inherently disclose all of the claimed limitations.

As a formal matter, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is requested.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-21) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

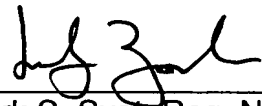
No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment A. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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